

Department of Veterans' Service
District of Eastern Hampden County
Year-end report 2015

The year 2015 was a very busy year for this department. We assisted veterans and or their spouses in finding housing, getting medical attention at the VA clinic and most especially with their financial needs under Chapter 115.

This office continued its community outreach and made strides in connecting with outside agencies in assisting our veterans. Agencies such as Holyoke Soldiers Home were invaluable in our aim to support needy veterans.

In October of 2015, annual training was held in Leominster Ma. When training was completed, all in attendance were required to take a test to be certified as a Veterans' Service Officer with The Commonwealth of Massachusetts. On October 29, 2015, the test was taken by this veteran's agent and we are proud to say we passed the test without difficulty.

In addition, we attended a number of Memorial Day events, and when November rolls around it's a pleasure to be invited to speak at various Veterans Day celebrations. The one that stands out, is the event held by the students at The Granite Valley Middle School in Monson. These children really know how to salute our veterans; the event seems to have grown year after year. And the children truly know of the sacrifices our veterans make to ensure our freedom.

Efforts to serve our veterans will continue into 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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